

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Attempting to influence an election in this manner without providing equal time to the other candidate is against the law. If Sinclair does not offer equal time to the Kerry/Edwards campaign, they should not be permitted to air the anti-Kerry propaganda.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.